

REMARKS

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2007. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-18, 21-30, and 32 are now present in this case. Claims 9, 17, and 25 are amended.

The applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on July 18, 2007 and respectfully request entry of the present amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2) because it places the claims in better condition for an appeal.

The requested amendment clarifies the position that the applicants have consistently maintained throughout prosecution of the present case. That is, certain header fields are not necessary for the processing of a particular data packet and thus need not be transmitted to the remote unit. For example, at pages 6-7, paragraph 22, the application states that header fields that remain constant over the life of the connection are not required by the remote unit and therefore are not considered relevant. The proposed amendment to claims 9, 17, and 25 provide greater clarity to that position. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment.

If there are questions regarding this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8029.

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